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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

WE KNOW OF AT LEAST SEVEN KIDNAPPINGS THAT OCCURED IN KHYBER AGENCY IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. SOME OF WHICH WERE NEVER REPORTED IN THE PRESS. RECENT VICTIMS INCLUDE A CUSTOMS SUPERINTENDANT RETURNING FROM HIS JOB AT TORHAW AND A CHRISTIAN SUPERVISOR OF AN ADULT EDUCATION SOCIETY IN LANDI KOTAL. KHYBER KIDNAPPINGS ARE A TOPIC OF CONCERN TO WELL-TO-DO PESHAWARIS WHO EXPRESS THEIR WORRIES RATHER FREQUENTLY LATELY.

7. WE EXPECT A TRIBAL JIRGA TO MEET SOON AETEP ETD AND TO PROCLAIM AN AMICABLE SOLUTION TO ALL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND TRIBAL ELDERS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WALI KHAN KOOKI KHEL WILL NECESSARILY ABIDE BY THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE JIRGA NOR ABSTAIN FROM FUTURE TROUBLE-MAKING IN KHYBER AGENCY.

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4. BOTH THE "KHYBER MAIL" AND "MUSLIM" OF JUNE 5 CARRIED REPORTS OF AN ISTAR PARTY HOSTED BY WALI KHAN KOOKI KHEL AT HIS HOME IN CHUNDI VILLAGE NEAR JAMRUJ ON JUNE 4. DURING THE PARTY, OBVIOUSLY ATTENDED BY JOURNALISTS, WALI KHAN DESCRIBED HIS DEAL WITH THE GOP AS A "CEASE FIRE AND NOT A SETTLEMENT". HE ADVISED A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SOUGHT AFTER JULY 1. WALI KHAN CLAIMED THAT HIS MAIN INTEREST WAS IN PRESERVING THE TRADITIONAL STATUS OF THE TRIBAL AREAS, SO THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN NOR AFGHANISTAN COULD INTERFERE IN TRIBAL AFFAIRS. HE ADMITTED THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN IF THE GOP REFUSED HIS DEMANDS.

5. NEITHER THE POLITICAL AGENT KHYBER NOR COMMISSIONER PESHAWAR ACKNOWLEDGED ANY POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS OCCURRING IN KHYBER AGENCY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF RAMAZAN. THERE HAS BEEN A BLOODY FEUD IN BAKA, BUT GOP OFFICIALS CONSIDER IT A ROUTINE TRIBAL SQUABBLE OVER LAND RIGHTS TO THE BAKA HANIS AREA. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS IN LATE MAY ABOUT BOMBS EXPLODING IN LANDI KOTAL ARE APPARENTLY EXAGGERATIONS; SOME EXPLOSIVES DID GO OFF, BUT IF AREAS UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE INJURIES OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. ONE EXPLOSION KILLED TWO WOMEN, BUT AUTHORITIES DID NOT ATTACH MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO IT.

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